

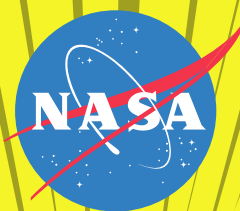
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LIGHTNING STRIKES
SOMEWHERE ON EARTH ABOUT
100 TIMES EVERY SECOND!

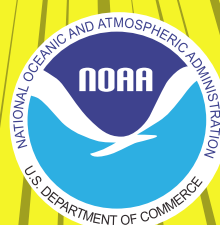
IN A SPLIT SECOND, A BOLT OF
LIGHTNING HEATS THE AIR AROUND IT
TO 50,000°F, FIVE TIMES HOTTER THAN
THE SURFACE OF THE SUN!



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<p>May 2003: The U.S. record is set for the most tornadoes in any month, with 516 tornadoes confirmed.</p>					1	2
<p>1999: Oklahoma City, OK, measures the fastest wind in a tornado of 318 mph 1 mph short of being classified as an F6.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>2003: More than 400 tornadoes reported in the Midwest. Over \$3.4 billion in damage and 51 deaths. National Weather Observer's Day</p> <p>4</p>	<p>1999: Tornadoes in Kansas and Oklahoma cause \$1.5 billion in damage.</p> <p>5</p>	6	<p>1840: The Great Natchez Tornado, one of the most deadly and destructive in U.S. history, leaves the town of Natchez, MS, in ruins and kills 317 people.</p> <p>7</p>	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>1953: A deadly tornado hits Waco, TX, burying some streets in up to 5 feet of bricks; 114 are killed and 597 injured.</p> <p>11</p>	12	<p>1930: A man is killed while caught in an open field during a hailstorm in Lubbock TX. It is the first and only authentic death by hail in U.S. records.</p> <p>13</p>	14	15	16
<p>1774: Launch of SMS-1, the first geosynchronous weather satellite, detecting weather conditions from a fixed location above Earth's surface.</p> <p>17</p>	<p>1902: Golind, TX, hit by tornado.</p> <p>18</p>	19	20	21	<p>1987: A tornado hits Saragosa, TX, destroying 85% of the town, killing 30, and injuring 121 of a population of 183.</p> <p>22</p>	23
<p>2006: GOES-N/13 launched.</p> <p>24</p>	25	<p>1917: A tornado in southeast Kansas breaks the tornado speed over land record traveling at 65 mph.</p> <p>26</p>	<p>1896: Temperature at Salton City, CA, hits 124°F, the hottest ever recorded in the U.S. during May.</p> <p>27</p>	28	29	30
31	<p>Memorial Day</p>					



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